

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people" —Dr. H. E. Fodick

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"Truth, Justice, and the welfare of man depend on individuals with the courage and opportunity to express their opinions." —Lanelet Whyte

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE OVER WHAI BY COMBINED CHOIRS OF THE SCHOOLS

The annual Christmas Carol Service at the Northfield School for Girls will be broadcast by Station

Perform Play For The Washington Trip Fund

The Northfield High School presented the play "Kathy the Great" by Carol Bedfitt, at the town hall, 8 p. m., Dec. 3, 1948. Produced by special arrangement with the Heuer Publishing Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and directed by Miss Evelyn Lawley, with the following cast.

Kathy Barlow - Vera Allen
Anne Barlow - Mary Ann Wozniak
Betty Marshall - Mary Laplante
Jim Deming - Irwin Severeine
Jack Forbes - Richard Whitney
Frank Lawrence - Russell Bigelow
Mr. Jenkins - Joseph Gilmon, Jr.
Mr. Travis - Albert Clough
Mrs. Atwater - Agnes Duda
Mrs. Kendall - Marion Andrew
Mrs. Marshall - Rita Mello
Candy was sold between the acts by Iris Whitney, Janet Mankowsky, Eleanor Fisher and Jean Welch. George Leonard had charge of the tickets. Manuel Mello helped with the staging.

"O for a Muse of fire, that would ascend
The brightest heaven of invention!
A kingdom for a stage, princes to act,
And monarchs to behold the swelling scene!
And let us ciphers to this great acmpt,
On your imaginary forces work,
Pleas out our imperfections with your thoughts:
Into a thousand parts divide one man,
And make imaginary puissance;
Think, when we talk of horses,
that you see them
Printing their proud hoofs 't the receiving earth;
For 'tis your thoughts that now
must deck our kings,
Carry them here and there; jumping o'er times,
Turning the accomplishment of many years
Into an hour-glass; for the which supply,
Admit me Chorus to this history;
Who, prologue-like, your humble patience pray,
Gently to hear, kindly to judge, our play."

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Republicans Call Their Town Caucus Next Tuesday Evening At The Town Hall

The Republican Town Caucus is said that there will be a number of such nominations.

All members of the Republican party will be privileged to attend and vote. Affiliation of voters was made at the last state primary and affords the authentic list for those qualified.

It will be the purpose to nominate candidates for the various town offices to be voted at the annual town election which will take place the first Monday in February. The various offices to be filled are listed in the advertisement in this newspaper.

The caucus will be called to order by George McEwan as chairman of the Republican Town committee with Mrs. Dorothy L. Miller as secretary. The first order of business will be the choosing of the chairman for the meeting and the selection of the clerk. Then the business of making nominations will be undertaken and it

Calendar of Events

December 10, Unitarian Church School Teachers and officers meeting.

December 12,

Christmas Carol singing by 600 boys and girls from the Northfield Schools over WHAI. 8 to 9 p. m.

December 13,

Boy Scout meeting.

Girl Scout meeting, 3:30 p. m.

P.T. A. picnic supper at 6:30 p. m.

Meeting at 8 p. m.

Dr. Low speaker.

State Line Fellowship meeting.

J. E. Bushnell, speaker

December 14,

Republican Caucus, Town Hall.

8 p. m.

Legion Auxiliary Christmas party

December 15,

VFW OPEN HOUSE, Town Hall.

8 p. m.

December 19,

Congregational Church Christmas

Vesper Service, 5 p. m.

December 20,

Friendly Class meeting.

December 21,

Brotherhood meeting.

December 22,

VFW meeting, Grange Hall 8 p. m.

December 25,

Congregational Church Sunday School Christmas party.

December 27,

Pilgrim Fellowship holiday dance at town hall.

Northfield Post 9874 On the Air Again

The Northfield Post 9874 of the V. F. W. will be on the air again Saturday, Dec. 11, at 4:45 a.m. over Station WHAI, presenting the 98th in a series of "Speak Up for Democracy" programs prepared by the National Americanism Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

William Nelson, of the Northfield Post, will be the speaker on the Saturday broadcast.

Press To Aid in Poll For 10 Top Stories

Invitations have been extended to 25 editors from all parts of the nation to participate in a panel selection of the 10 top news stories of 1948.

The PRESS was invited to join in this nation-wide survey, and accordingly a list of the top stories in the nation for the year was forwarded to the Publisher's Auxiliary, the trade journal for weekly newspapers.

Dr. Dean At Boston Physicians' Meeting

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was recently called to Boston to a special meeting of counsellors of the Massachusetts Medical Society as the representative from Franklin County.

The purpose of the meeting was to form a committee, called the Massachusetts Physicians Committee, to bring before the people of Massachusetts the facts, says Dr. Dean, "about the pending threat to our American Way of Life in the form of compulsory health insurance or more accurately called 'Political Medicine'". This is certain to be a big issue in the next Congress and it is important that everyone understand the issue.

Putney, Vt., Adopts A Small French Town

Putney, Vt., just north of Brattleboro, has adopted the little French town of HUBERT FOLIE under the auspices of THE MEDWAY PLAN.

People and organizations in the small Vermont town have already begun to send aid and letters to their little village on the Normanby coast.

Greater impetus is given the adoption program, with the addition of Putney to the list of adopters. More than 50 towns and cities in the United States are now included in the list of adopting towns under the Medway Plan.

Seek Rate Increase Motion is Before DPU

A wage boost last September and other increased operating expenses require an additional 7 per cent increase in the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's revenues in Massachusetts, the company told the Department of Public Utilities, December 2, 1948.

The company asked the department to consider this amount along with the 15 per cent increase on intrastate operations proposed last April, which includes 5 per cent actually in effect on a temporary basis since July, 1947.

The total increase of 22 per cent now asked, the company said, is small by comparison with the practically doubled prices people in Massachusetts are paying today for food, fuel and other necessities. The company also quoted big price increases in the materials it buys to maintain service.

Basic telephone wage rates have gone up 90 per cent during the past eight years, the company reported. This rise together with an increase of 60 per cent in the number of employees has jumped its annual payroll to over \$70 million — or more than two and one half times its prewar level.

President Joe E. Harrell of the company said the proposed revenue increase is the minimum necessary to permit the company to go forward with its program to give Massachusetts the good telephone service the state needs.

HUNTING SEASON OPENS WITH A BANG HUNTER WOUNDED, AS THE SHOT FLIES

The first deer hunting accident of the season in the state was reported from town, when William Metzler, 41, of Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, was shot twice at 8:30 a. m., Dec. 6, while hunting near the rear of the Perry house.

The first shot entered the left forearm slightly, and the second shot badly battered the right arm. His companion, Addison Taylor of Medford put a tourniquet around the right arm of the wounded man and rushed him to the office of Dr. Samuel Whitney of Orange. After treatment he was transferred to the Heywood Memorial hospital in Gardner.

The identity of the hunter who shot Metzler had not been determined up to late Thursday evening. Taylor, who was with the wounded man, assisted State Patrolman Edward M. Carey of the Shelburne Falls barracks in the preliminary investigation.

An operation was performed on the injured man's arm Tuesday, and his condition was reported as fair.

Another odd incident took place Sunday evening, the night before the hunting season opened, when the family of Mrs. Flora Moore was awakened by the crash of a bullet through a dining room window. The bullet, nearly spent, struck the ceiling and fell to the floor. Deputy Sheriff Martin E. Vorce was notified, he referred the case to Game Warden Thomas J. McShane of Greenfield.

Incomplete returns indicate that at least five local men have bagged deer: Frank Huber, Freddie Stone, Paul Carpenter, Domenic Duda with Frank Stratton.

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NORTHFIELD REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

A Caucus of the enrolled Republican voters of the Town of NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, December 14, 1948 at eight o'clock to nominate candidates for election at the annual meeting of the Town on Monday, February 7, 1949, as follows:

Town Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
One selectman for three years
Moderator for one year
Tax Collector for one year
School Committee, one member for three years
Library Trustees, two members for three years
Library Trustee, one member for two years
(to fill vacancy)
Assessor, one for three years
Cemetery Commissioner, one for three years
Tree Warden for one year
Four Constables for one year
(one from Northfield Farms)

Planning Board, one member for five years and to transact such other business as may legally come before the caucus. The caucus is held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of the General Laws and amendments thereto and will be called to order by the Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

George McEwan, Chairman
Dorothy L. Miller, Secretary
Northfield, December 6, 1948

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Dear Santa,

Each year, along about this time, we begin to think about hanging the oil stocking — the big one we save for such occasions.

This year we want to find a "Merry Christmas" in the stocking — IF it is within your power to make! If — IF — the nations of the world could meet in brotherly understanding — the U. N. could be strengthened so as to be effective — the Chinese could build instead of destroy their nation the Jews could agree on what they want in Palestine — Joe and Harry were on holiday terms — the broken bodies and shattered minds of war victims had one day's respite from pain — all those who despair could have a little hope — Camiers were warm, fed, and happy tonight — every one could hear the story of Jesus —

These are only some of the things we would like to find in our stocking on Christmas Day — but use your own judgment, oil' man, maybe we don't deserve such gifts!

Faithfully,
The Staff



LILLY

In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Dec. 2, a son, Donald Earl Lilly, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lilly of Northfield; grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly of West Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of West Chesterfield, N. H.; and great grandson to Mrs. Emily Lilly of West Northfield.



TRINITARIAN

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, December 12, 9:55 a. m., Special program for all families of Church School in the vestry. Christmas carols, pictures of the Christmas story, and the children will present their New Church Building Fund Banks.

10:00 a. m., Men's Bible Class. 11:00 a. m., Public Worship, sermon subject, "Papier, Prince, and Pioneer." Music by the Junior and Senior Choirs. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will leave the church to attend the Christmas Concert at Sage Chapel.

Christmas music by the choir and the one-act play, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be presented in a vesper service at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at five o'clock.

The Christmas party for the families of the Church School will be held in the vestry on Thursday evening, December 23. The Friendly Class will serve the supper at 6:00. Each family is asked to contribute food or money.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship are sponsoring a holiday dance in the Northfield Town Hall, Monday evening, December 27, music by Dick Perry's orchestra.

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Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

Weekly Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:45 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Richard G. Scherist, Minister
Sunday, December 12, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School.
11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon.

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Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor

Sunday, December 12, 10:30 a. m., Service and Sermon.

"The Word of God".

11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

7:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise

Wednesday, December 15, 8:00 p. m., weekly prayer service.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Dear Editor:

While mixing my paste, and sharpening my scissors last week in preparation for writing this week's paper, I began to brood about Ghengis Khan. I always brood about Ghengis Khan when I mix my paste, for a finer consistency seems to result. This of course seems to point out a moral — never mix paste, brood.

I might add, that if you don't get letters from your readers, don't get to brooding — your paste will suffer, and then what will happen to the paper next week? Which of course is a very good question, that even Clifton Finnegan could not answer.

Remember too, with all the experience you are getting in the making of paste, if you lose your job, you can always hang wallpaper — which of course does not pay you as well as running a tidy little newspaper. At least it is tidy.

So I leave you now, with the thoughts of the late Ghengis Khan — yours in paste,
Sincerely,
The Editor.

THE OVERSEAS



A letter to Helen Alden Ropes, Camiers, France October 26, 1948

Dear Little Friend.

This morning starting for school, what a joy it was to receive a letter coming from America! At noon I hurried to have it translated into French by a Scotsmen who has staid in France since the 1914-18 War. My family is composed of my father who is a mason; in winter he cannot work because of rheumatism with he suffers; my mother keeps house, my big sister Nicole 14 years old, Huguette, my sister Nicole 14 years old goes to school, my little brother Francis 6 years beginning to go to school and I Monique, 12 years, go to school also. I'll describe the town of Camiers; it is made up of a preventorium (Sanitorium) for bone cases; the sea is about two miles from the town; the hamlets are St. Cecile Beach and St. Gabriel Beach; the Touquet Paris Beach is about 14 miles from Camiers. Most of the inhabitants of Camiers are fishermen. The town is located between hills on one side and the sea on the other. I am happy to correspond with a little American friend. I am sending you a picture of myself which was taken at school. Next time I shall send you the whole family. I thank you very much for sending the parcel. I have a little black dog; its name is Diana. Greetings to all your family. My parents join me in thanking you. A little friend who thinks of you.

Monique Morgolle

To Mabel H. Greenridge:

30 November 1948

Dear Mademoiselle:

I want to thank you for the nice parcel which you sent me. It was a joy to see all those lovely things which delight me. My mother joins me in thanking you; that relieves her, for being alone in bringing us up, she has a good deal of care. I hope you are in good health as do my brothers, my sister and mother. I am enclosing my picture as well as one of mother, brothers and sister. I hope you will be pleased with it. I stay at home to take care of the family of younger ones while mother is out working. I do all I can to help her, the older ones (of the children) go to school; my little brother Marcel, who is four, stays with me; he is a little devil and it's too bad there isn't a nursery school. Once more, I thank you sincerely and I am very happy to have these beautiful things for mother has never been able to get them for me. And mother also sends you her thanks.

I send you my greetings (friendship) as do mother, my brothers and my sister.

Good kisses from a little friend,

Michelle Brevier

P. S. Just now I have received your nice card, I thank you for it very much and thanks in advance for the second parcel which you have sent me. Mother joins me in sending her thanks. I am enclosing the ages of my brothers and sister.

Good kisses from a friend who loves you.

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Dear Editor:

The first rays of the early morning sun rising above the eastern hills illuminated the sleeping face of Preserved Smith. He lay on the ground with his head pillow on a log. The same log that had proved so unsafe last night when John Hutchinson had scared his appetite away — almost.

The night had been quiet, with only the splashing brook breaking into the stillness of the night. Preserved and I had taken our turns on watch, but sleep didn't come too easy for me, because Preserved was, I had discovered, capable of sleeping soundly with both eyes open. This was no place for that.

Uncle Eb had sternly warned us that Canada Indians had but recently left Consett. No telling where they had gone.

With the sun nearly over the highest of the hills it was time to disturb the dreamless slumber of Preserved. "Preserved, it's time to be up and around, with the day nearly gone."

Preserved had a little difficulty closing his mouth and opening his eyes, but he finally awkwardly rose into a sitting position, yawned, and asked, "Has John come with the food yet?"

"Typical words I thought, no question of Indians, nor of the last hours of the watch — just when do we eat?" If the Indians ever got to Preserved they could take his scalp, he'd never miss it, but take his stomach, and he would be lost.

"He hasn't," I replied, "Uncle Eb wants us to come back with the rest of them, they plan to look over the home lots and the interval land."

"You know, Benjie," Preserved said in a low tone, "I could have sworn I saw them devils jumping from rock to rock across the brook. It seemed to me like there was one of them behind every tree. I guess I was just hungry."

With that he laughed, and we went up the trail, and soon were around the small cooking fire of the others.

"Welcome back," called Uncle Eb, "and I see that Preserved is with you Benjie I could have sworn I heard the Indians carrying him off last night. Were you snoring Preserved, well no matter, time we were on the way."

"You want me to start from the north end Eb?" asked John Hutchinson, "I'll take Isaac here with me."

"Good," said Uncle Eb, "and see that you mark them close, we want no arguments when the others get here."

"What do you want of me Uncle Eb," I asked immediately knowing I shouldn't have, for Uncle Eb always had thought a thing through.

"You and Preserved go up the west side of the old highway, and you know where that is, we came along it before we camped for the night. You're to note how many home lots there are, and if you can find the lines. Understand? You look, Benjie, Preserved you take down what Benjie finds."

We nodded our heads in unison, and Uncle Eb said, "Good, on your way then, I want all this done by nightfall."

We set off through the underbrush, Preserved following close on my heels and puffing slightly.

"It looks as if this is the highway," I said bending down to peer along the old ruts. "It's get over that higher clearing, Preserved, and perhaps we can see about where the huts were burned."

We easily made our way to the clearing, and turned to survey the area, when Preserved stooped over and said, "Look Benjie, here's something."

Then Preserved picked up a pair of boots, old, but recently worn. "What do you make of that Benjie, they've been oiled and taken care of — Indians do you think?"

I took the boots from his hands, and looked at them closely, they were familiar, I remembered to look under the straps, and the initials "R. B." were there. I knew then. The boots had belonged to my father!

(To be Continued)

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Veterans have until July 25, 1957 in which to apply for GI loans.

For exceptions, see Armed Forces Recruitment Act Eligibility on Page 7.

New Hampshire Winter Events Announced

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 26 —

Some of the winter carnivals and competitive sports events which will draw thousands to Granite State snow centers this winter have been announced and are listed below. Other events will be announced as soon as plans are complete.

Winter Carnivals and Celebrations

Dec. 26. Opening ceremonies and events, Mt. Sunapee State Park (Note: Mt. Sunapee chair lift will begin operating Dec. 15 if snow conditions warrant.)

Jan. 1, 2. Winter Carnival, Lancaster.

Jan. 22, 23. Winter Carnival, Jackson.

Jan. 28, 29, 30. 33rd Annual Winter Carnival, Newport.

Jan. 25, 26, 27, 28. Winter Carnival, Wolfeboro.

Feb. 11, 12. Dartmouth Carnival, New Hampshire Races of the New England Sled Dog Club.

Jan. 1. Tamworth - Wonalancet - Chocorua.

Jan. 8, 9. Fitzwilliam.

Jan. 15, 16. Pittsfield.

Jan. 22, 23. Jackson (pending.)

Feb. 12, 13. Colebrook (pending.)

Races on week days start at 10 a. m. and on Sundays at 1 p. m. Watch newspapers for possible changes.

Fourteen pupils from the public schools started music lessons this week. Mr. Minot of Gibbons Music House in Greenfield will be the teacher. The pupils taking part are: Barbara Griswold, soprano; Duane Griswold, trumpet; Donald Williams, clarinet; Seth Parker, trombone; Dean Lamphere, trumpet; Betty Holton, saxophone; David Scott, cornet; Norman Porter, clarinet; Chester Gillaspie, clarinet; Russell Hutchins, snare drum; George Sheldon, saxophone; James Livingston, alto clarinet; Gerald Stebbins, baritone horn.

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New Ski Folder For Winter Sports Fans

Skiing facilities in southwestern New Hampshire are well covered in an information folder published by the Monadnock Region Association. Pocket-sized for convenience, its cover carries scenes from typical tow slopes in the area and unfolds to show other scenes as well as the answers to where to

"ski, skate, eat, sleep," transportation information and a suggestion that here is the "nearest good skiing."

Winter sports facilities in nineteen towns are represented in a four-column chart showing 16 towns, 21 skating rinks, 66 places to eat and 43 inns and homes prepared to serve winter enthusiasts. Tow operators and their phone numbers are easily found, for colored figures of skiers have been printed on the

sites of the 16 towns, several trails and a jump. Towns at Temple Mt. in Temple and Gap Mt. in Troy reach an elevation of about 1900 ft. In Dublin 1500 ft. and in several other towns locations at over 1000 feet above sea level show this general area to be at an elevation high enough to enjoy better than average snow conditions. Most of the tow slopes are for family and intermediate skiers but at least two — Temple Mt. and Dublin — will keep the expert on the airtel.

The base map was prepared by the State Planning & Development Commission. Free copies of the folder are available from their offices in Concord, New Hampshire, and Rockefeller Center, New York, from the New England Council in Boston or by mail request to Phil Darling, executive secretary of the Monadnock Region here at Peterborough.

and speakers will appeal to everyone.

The films will consist of the latest Army-Navy football game, combat films from World War II, and "Joe's Kid." The latter film depicts the VFW National Home for orphans of War veterans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, where

children of all veterans, regardless of their service or affiliations with veterans organizations are cared for by all the posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the United States.

Several speakers, not yet announced, will be featured on the program.

Free pop corn will be provided, with refreshments being available.

The entire program will be of interest to all those veterans eligible for membership in the VFW, but who have not yet affiliated with the Northfield Post 9874.

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Historical Society Re-Elects Officers

A large number of members and guests attended the annual meeting of the Northfield Historical Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neal on Main street, Dec. 7. The annual election found all officers being reelected for another term: Miss Elsie S. Scott, president; Joseph Colton, vice-president and curator; Delta White secretary; Mrs. Mildred Addison, treasurer; Mrs. Willis K. Parker, auditor. Directors reelected were Miss Scott, Mr. Colton, Mrs. Charles Neal, with Miss Amy Hamilton and Leon Dunnell being new additions this year.

The program consisted of Leon Dunnell reading a paper on the life of Jonas Chickering, pioneer piano manufacturer, whose company built the fine piano now in the rooms of the Historical Society. A piano was presented to the Society from the estate of Charles Stearns.

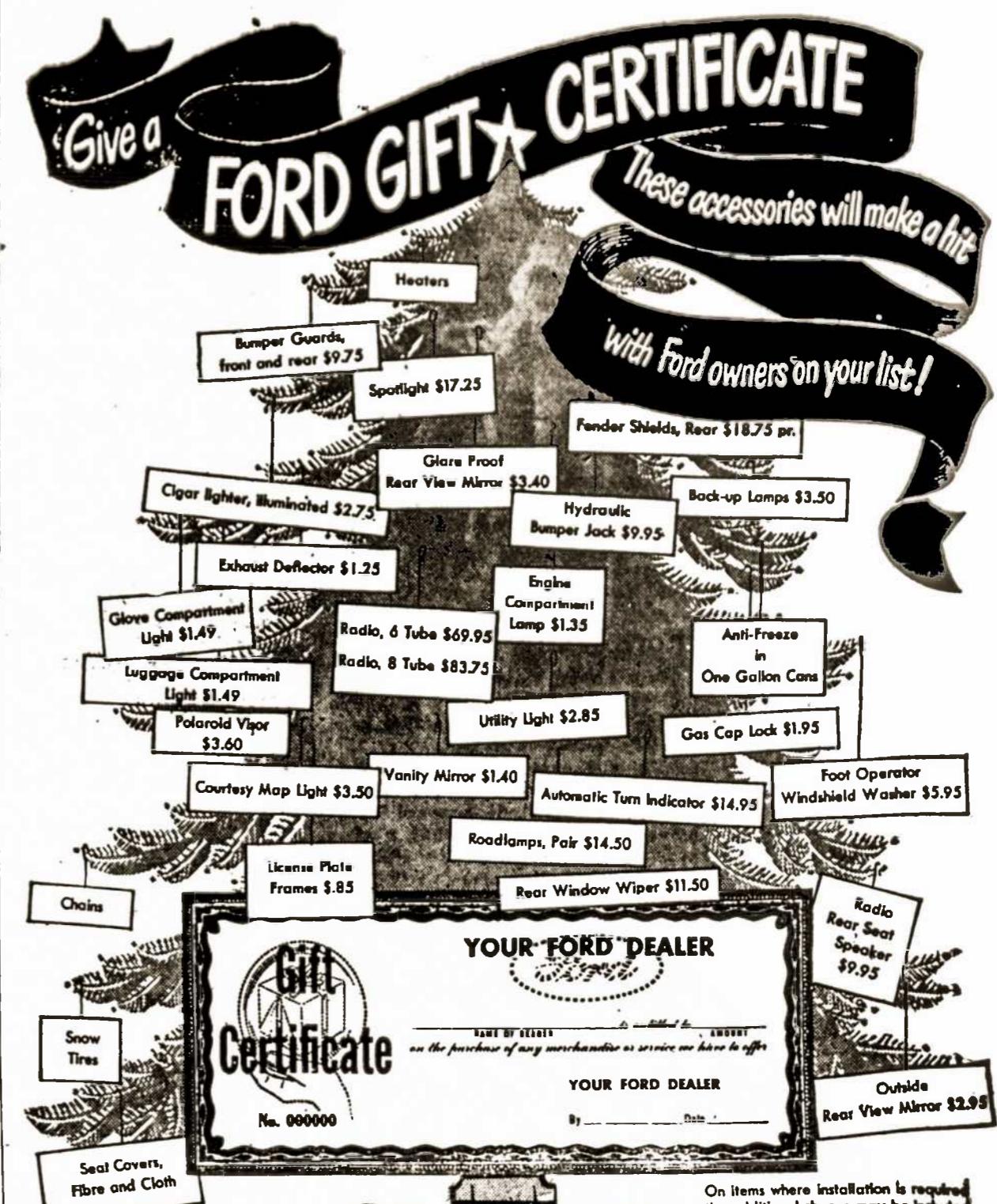
H. H. Morse recreated for his listeners an extraordinary period in the discovery of ancient biblical manuscripts, dealing primarily with the life and work of the German, Tischendorff.

Mrs. Charles Neal and Mrs. Martin Vorce served refreshments following the meeting and program.

Northfield Post 9874 Holds an Open House

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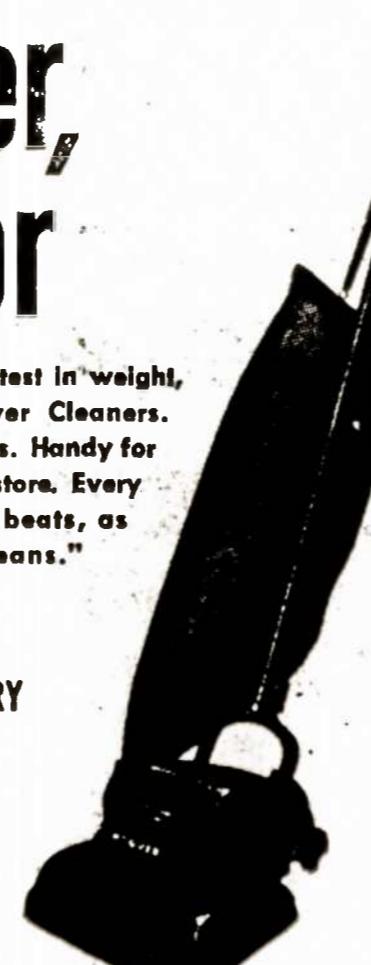
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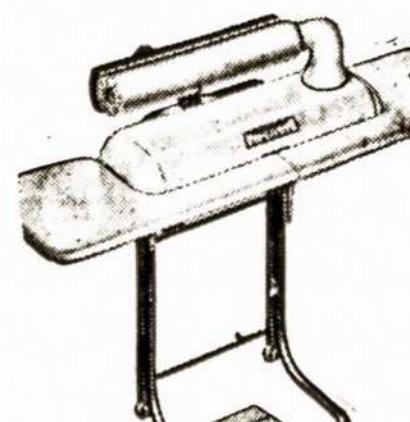
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Composts and Conservation
The front page insert in the Northfield Press of November 26, concerning the folly of burning the fallen leaves in clearing up the yards for winter, was timely and especially important to Northfield people to whom the disposal of dead leaves is an annual problem. The article, copied from the New York Herald Tribune, states that 90 per cent of the value of the leaves is destroyed when burned, while all of the organic content can be conserved if they are mixed with the top soil and animal manure and thrown into the compost heap which every thrifty gardener accumulates in an inconspicuous place.

A good time to start a compost heap is in the spring, by making a bin without a bottom, approximately three to five feet high, and four by six feet, ground measurements, boxed in by second hand boards and supported by stakes. Into this should go the nicely rotted winter covering of one's flower beds and shrubs, whether leaves, pine needles, or straw, mixed with top soil. If one keeps hens, the weekly scrapings from the dropping boards containing sawdust or ashes make a valuable alternate layer. Not forgetting the dried pea and bean vines with their nitrogen-forming nodules, vegetable tops and in fact many bi-products of the kitchen which can't be used by the hens or animals about the place. Lime should be added from time to time and the whole mixture stirred up as it will be found to be soggy from the rains. Soot from stoves or furnace pipes is a valuable addition and, best of all, the fallen leaves in October. If weeds are thrown on the heap, seeds should first be burned, and that goes for corn stubble, with its menace of borers.

The compost heap need not be unsightly, for it can be placed in a convenient place in the back yard and screened from the passer-by with tall sunflowers, while fast-growing squash vines will seek its nourishment and completely cover it with a fine yield of squashes.

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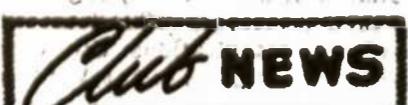
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P.T. A. To Hear Dr. Low At December 13 Meeting

The Northfield P.T. A. will have a buffet supper in the school lunch room at 6:30 Monday, Dec. 13.

Each member is asked to bring a hot dish, a pie or salad, and every member must bring their own dishes and silver.

Dr. M. B. Low of Greenfield, will speak on "Sex Problems with Children". He will speak at 8 in Alexander Hall.

A double-quartet, composed of Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, James Gillespie, Charles White, Robert Barnes and George Leonard. They will sing a selection of Christmas carols.

A meeting of the executive committee was held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLean.

Those present were: Harold McLean, Alvin Porter, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, James Gillespie, I. J. Lawrence, George Leonard and Mrs. Charles White.

Refreshments were served.

Fortnightly Meeting

Mrs. Robert Morgan was speaker at the Fortnightly meeting last Friday. Her talk, "A century of CLUB NEWS CONT.

quilts and coverlets", was followed by short histories of each of the 35 quilts exhibited: a small one pieced by Mrs. Nellie Handy when she was a girl; one by Mrs. Walter Doolittle of Montague City; an autographed quilt made by Mrs. Harold Bigelow's grandmother; a home-spun quilt owned by Mrs. E. M. Morgan; a paisley one loaned by Miss Alice Drake; a hand-woven coverlet owned by Mrs. Martin E. Vorce; several owned by Mrs. Clifford Field; a trundle bed quilt by Mrs. George Thompson; and modern ones owned by the late Mrs. Charles Johnson, Miss Maud Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Bonner, Jack, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, and Mrs. C. P. Buffum.

There was singing by a sextet, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. C. P. Buffum.

Gerald Quigley, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Jenny Warnock, with Mrs. George Leonard at the piano. The sextet was dressed in old-fashioned costume, before a setting of six old chairs loaned by L. Percy Goodspeed.

Tea hostesses were: Mrs. Ralph Sargent, Mrs. Edward M. Powell, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, and Mrs. Carroll Miller.

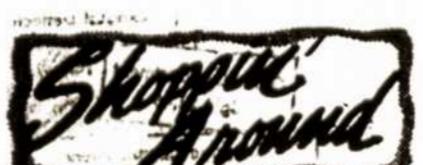
WSO Plan Party

The WSO held a regular monthly meeting in Alexander Hall, Thursday, Dec. 2.

It was voted to have a Christmas party for WSO and VFW members only, the party to be held immediately following the VFW meeting, Dec. 8.

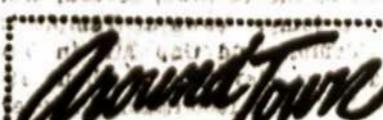
The following committee was elected to make arrangements and to solicit members for refreshments: Miss Lorraine Gingras, Chairman; Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe, Mrs. Stanley Johnson and Mrs. Unto Hantunen; with the Christmas tree and decorations provided by Mrs. Ed Luciw and Mrs. Lloyd Clark.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Ralph Shindler.



We found a new place for you this week. The weather has been pretty mild, as compared to the scenes in this area this same time last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Way recently sailed to France on the liner America.



George Marshall of the Latch String, has been getting up early these last few days. He has been opening up at 5 a. m. to feed some of the early bird out-of-town hunters; he then takes off for the woods himself — no luck yet. Well, the first 8 years are the hardest, and the season is still open in N. H.

Dr. John W. Bennett has been named Chairman of the Program Committee for the Medical staff of the Farren Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. William F. Hoenh underwent a minor operation in Brattleboro last week. Her condition is reported good.

Major William M. Marshall is on the high seas bound for Tokyo, Japan.

The addition to the George H. Sheldon Co. is coming along, with all the walls up now. The work is being done by employees of the company.

Painting of the Webster Block is almost finished.

The State Highway Department recently made minor repairs on Main street.

No snow this week. The weather has been pretty mild, as compared to the scenes in this area this same time last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Way recently sailed to France on the liner America.



Installation of the P.T. A. sponsored basketball equipment in the town hall was completed this week.

The first practice session was held last Tuesday afternoon with Walter Kenney, Irwin, Severance, Russell Fisher, Joseph Blimow, Russell Hutchins, Warren and Richard Whitney, with coach Harold McLean supervising. The first ball was thrown by Russell Parker.

In addition to the high school teams, the seventh and eighth grades will have an opportunity to begin regular practice.

Willing Blood Donors Found in Northfield

The report of the Nursing service in Northfield for November by District Nurse Miss Barbara Mankowsky is as follows: Total number of visits 156 of which there were 58 of

chronic nature, 16 acute cases, 1 post partum visit, 10 visits made for adult health supervision, 2 for infant health supervision, 29 visits regarding school children, 9 tuberculous contacts, 2 visits of which persons not at home and 29 people provided with transportation.

The State Red Cross Blood Mobile was in Turner Falls December 2nd, and the response from Northfield was certainly appreciable. Following is a list of people who willingly donated a pint of blood: Robert Thompson, Paul Thompson, Mrs. Donna Furcolo, Richard Hillier, Mrs. Flora Abbe, Robert Huber, Rev. Joseph Reeves, Elizabeth Darling, Robert Wert, Allison Kaufhold, Elizabeth Durfee, Donna McKinley, Emily Carson, John Fletcher, Duncan Campbell, George Partridge, Sydney Given, Stanley Scripture, W. W. Sanderson, George Marshall, Ernest Kirzman and Leon Dunne.

also speak at this meeting. The annual Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

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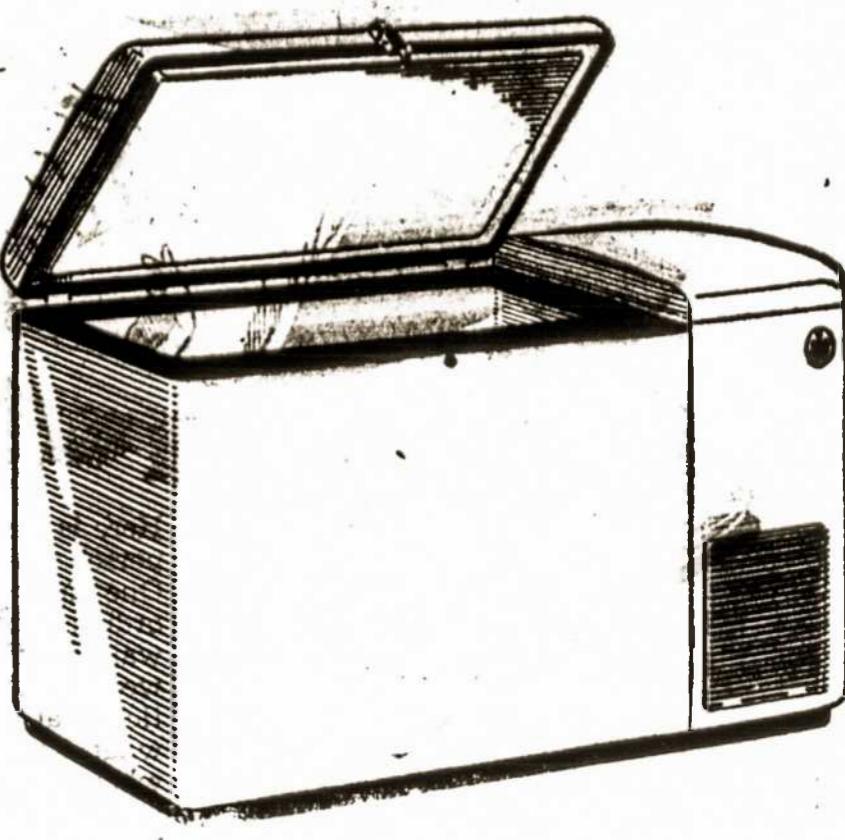
Advent Christian News Conference at Church

There will be a party for the cradle roll children and their mothers at the parsonage this Friday evening.

The State Line Fellowship will meet at the church Monday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:45 p. m. Jason E. Bushnell of Vernon will show some of his curios and speak. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a guest.

The Connecticut River Valley Bible conference will meet at the Advent Christian Church Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the morning at 10:30, and in the afternoon. The Rev. D. L. Campbell of Somerville, radio preacher and evangelist will speak in the afternoon.

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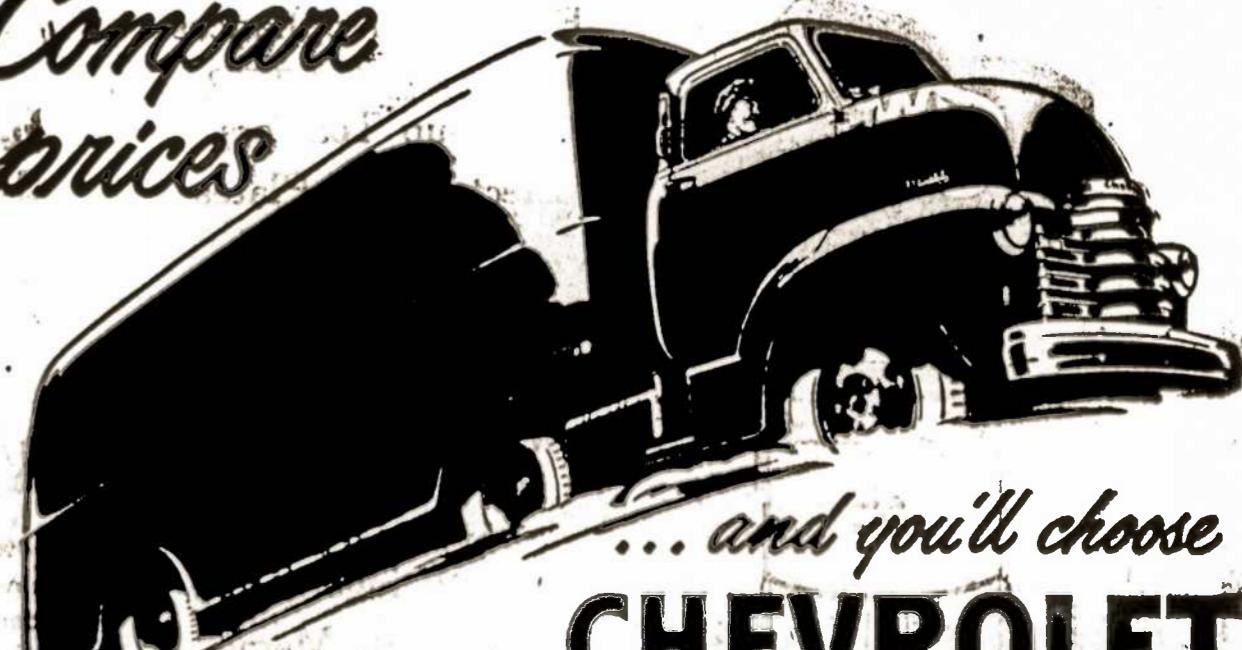
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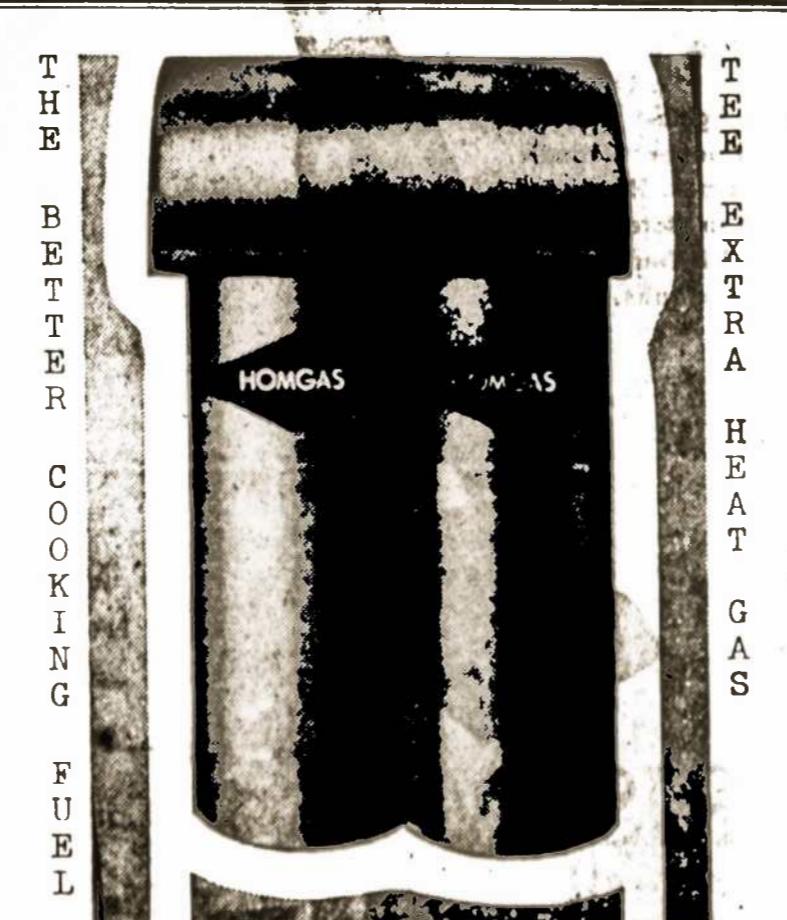
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Several more organizations have joined the ranks of those participating in the adoption of Camiers. The Men's Bible Class of the Congregational Church will contribute to the program by helping out at least one family in the French town, while the Fortnightly is formulating plans to take an active part in the program.

Many more school children will soon join in the adoption, by writing to the school children of Camiers.

More clothing has been added to the collection, which has necessitated the packing of more crates for shipment overseas.

The PRESS has a complete file of all the needy individuals in Camiers, so all readers are invited to consult us if they desire to join in the adoption.

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